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Pursuant to the Remand under 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on April 11, 2000, a supplemental Examiner's Answer is set forth below to correct the following matters:

- ✓ 1. The IDS of Paper No. 18 was considered, and a copy of the initialized IDS is attached with this supplemental Examiner's Answer.
- ✓ 2. The Declaration attached to Paper No. 11 was considered in the Advisory Action of Paper No. 13. All the points raised in the Declaration regarding to the Asada and Scott references were addressed in the action of Paper No. 10.
- ✓ 3. The petition to change inventorship of Paper No. 14 was considered. The Biblical Data sheet was updated and attached with this supplemental Examiner's Answer.
- ✓ 4. Amendment B of Paper No. 11 was appropriately entered.
- 5. The copy of claim 28 as submitted in Appellants' Brief does not agree with the claim presented by Appellants in their amendment filed in June 2, 1997 in Paper No. 11. The first two lines of part © should read as follows: "c) a first uppermost cutting level comprising superabrasive grains and successive uppermost cutting levels among the plurality of cutting levels of each tooth;".

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The case is returned to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further appropriate actions.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-0163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Hail, can be reached at (703) 308-2687. The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-3579.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE If appropriate
GN	3,436,871	4/8/69	Schneider et al.	51	204	7/7/66
J	3,495,359	2/17/70	Smith et al.	51	204	10/10/68
J	4,114,322	9/19/78	Greenspan	51	206 R	8/2/77
GN	5,062,865	11/5/91	Chen et al.	51	205	11/22/89

FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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						YES	NO
GN	65385	1/14/1892	DE	B23D	67/72D	no	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date**, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication***)

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